



There have been coyote(s) spotted in Lauderdale West. Coyotes are generally not a threat to people and are usually easily scared off. Killing and removing coyotes from a community can open a space for another alpha male or female to move in. Coyotes are highly organized in their social structure and removing one or two individuals can disrupt that hierarchy and cause more young to be born at a faster rate. Coyotes can also benefit the ecosystem by providing natural, effortless pest and rodent control. To reduce your chances of a negative encounter, we recommend the following:

1. Secure all attractants, also known as human related food sources, (pet food, garbage, bird seed, fallen fruit, etc.) as this is commonly what brings coyotes to the area.
2. Pets are best protected when they are accompanied by their owner even in a fenced yard, kept inside, and walked on short (6 foot) leashes.
3. Reinforce the coyotes' fear of humans with sudden loud noises and threatening gestures:
 - yelling, deploying air horns, pots and pans, aluminum cans filled with nuts, stones, or coins.
 - squirt with a water hose, slingshot, paintball gun, to deter coyote(s)

If you notice any dead or half eaten ducks in our community, please contact the Maintenance Department at 954-473-2595 and provide an address to have the carcass removed.